





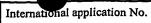
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I Basis of the report						
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IV Lack of unity of invention						
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VI Certain documents cited						
VII Certain defects in the international application						
VIII Certain observations on the international application						
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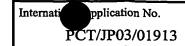




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L. Basis of the report 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:* the international application as originally filed the description: , as originally filed pages , filed with the demand pages , filed with the letter of pages the claims: , as originally filed pages , as amended (together with any statement under Article 19 pages , filed with the demand pages _____, filed with the letter of pages the drawings: , as originally filed pages , filed with the demand pages , filed with the letter of pages the sequence listing part of the description: __ , as originally filed pages _____, filed with the demand pages ____, filed with the letter of ____ pages 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/ 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages ___ the claims, Nos. the drawings, sheets/fig This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).** * Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17). ** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-40	YE
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-40	YE
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 16 April, 2002 (16.04.02), Vol. 99, No. 8, pages 5515-5520

Document 2: Nature Biotech., May 2002, Vol. 19, No. 5, pages 497-500

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Document 5: WO, 1-68836, A2 (Genetica, Inc., et al.), 20 September, 2001 (20.09.01)

Document 6: WO, 2-66638, A2 (Gen Com Co.), 29 August, 2002 (29.08.02)

The subject matters of claims 1-40 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step, since they are not described in any of documents 1-6 cited in the ISR.